

But by the most rigid economy, I have paid expenses, and have a balance remaining to the credit of the Library of \$171.64; add to this the amount I ought to have had (\$268.-59,) and I would have saved to the State out of the contingent fund \$440.23, and this too after adding a number of indispensable articles to the Library, paid for out of the contingent fund.

*Augmentation.*

Our additions to the Library during the year have been principally law books. I have spared no pains to complete the broken sets of State reports, and add all the new standard works to the Library. In this I am under many obligations to the Hon. Judges of the Court of Appeals, whom I have invariably consulted. I have saved to the State on all occasions, when in my power, a per centage on purchases for books, as my vouchers will show. I have a balance left to the credit of the Library of (\$188.25) one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents; this, however, will be required to pay for a number of important books already ordered, but not yet received.

As to the general improvements in the Library, and with what ability and faithfulness the duties of the office have been discharged, I take pleasure in referring you to the Court of Appeals and the State officers who have had almost constant business with the Library.

*Stationery and Binding.*

The usual appropriation of (\$3000.00) three thousand dollars, was made at the last session for stationery. With the unprecedented rise in all articles of stationery to more than three times what they were worth four years ago (\$9,000.00) nine thousand dollars now, will supply less stationery than (\$3000.00,) three thousand dollars would a few years ago. The present session too will be a longer one probably than any for ten years. The great advance in the price of leather and labor will suggest to you, and the General Assembly, the necessity of increasing the appropriation for binding to at least (\$2000.00) two thousand dollars.

The Supplemental Catalogue required by law to be made has been prepared and herewith submitted.

Pledging to you, and the General Assembly, my undivided attention to the duties of the office, and assuring you that any suggestion you may make will be thankfully received,

I am yours,

Most respectfully,

H. P. JORDAN,

*State Librarian.*